(1) Landscaping, public conveniences, children park at Raja Seat, Madikeri

(2) Restoration, landscaping and illumination of Fort and Palace area at Madikeri

(3) Landscaping and illumination of Raja's Tomb at Madikeri

The executing agency for the project is M/s Jungle Lodges & Resorts, Bangalore in consultation with Archaeological Survey of India. Execution, maintenance and upkeep of assets created with Central financial assistance is the responsibility of the State Government of Karnataka.

Tourism potential in Orissa

839. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether considering the vast potential of tourism in Orissa, the State Government propose to provide a boost to rural tourism and development of physical infrastructure at major tourist spots in the State;

(b) whether the cash-strapped State have sought Central assistance in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the action plan of the Centre to render help to this backward State in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects including Rural Tourism Projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects. Project proposals that are complete in all respect are approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement showing details of projects sanctioned during the last three years for the State of Orissa is enclosed (*See* below).

Ministry of Tourism had prepared a 20 Year Perspective Tourism Plan for the State of Orissa in the year 2003 and sent to the State Government for their perusal and use. It contained the following recommendations:

(i) SWOT analysis, tourist forecasts, etc.

(ii) Suggested strategies for tourism promotion, product development, augmentation of infrastructure and employment potential.

(iii) Environmental Management Plan, Investment Plan and sources of funding.

(iv) Direct and indirect economic benefits from the Plan.

(v) Implementation Plan containing priority projects, institutional mechanism, modes of private participation and marketing strategies.

Statement

Statement showing projects sanctioned to the State of Orissa during the Years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3
2003-04		
1.	Konark Festival	5.00
2.	Development of Puri as a Tourist destination	394.55
3.	Rajrani Music Festival	5.00
4.	Buddha Mahotsav	10.00
5.	Folk Dance Festivals	5.00
	TOTAL.	419.55

1	2	3
2004-05		
1.	Development of Peace Park and Amphitheater at Dhauli (Distt. Khurda)	488.51
2.	Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa-Development of facilities at Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri, Udaigiri and Langudi under Tourist Circuit	740.67
3.	Shreekshetra Vasant Festival at Puri	15.00
4.	Kharvela Festival, 2004-05	5.00
5.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Pipli in Puri Distt.	20.00
6.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Raghurajpur in Puri Distt.	22.00
7.	Development of village Pipli in Puri Distt.	50.00
	TOTAL:	1341.18
2005-06		
1.	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam)	331.43
2.	Development of Sakhi Gopal (Distt. Puri)	294.04
3.	Development of Taptapani in Distt. Ganjam as Tourist Destination	500.00
4.	Development of Chilka Lake in Distt. Puri and Ganjam as Tourist Destination	389.05
5.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark	720.09
6.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, Distt. Mayurbhanj	50.00
7.	Shreekshetra Festival at Puri	15.00
8.	Puri Beach Festival, 2005	4.00
9.	Konark Festival, 2005	3.00
10.	Rajrani Festival, 2005 at Bhubaneswar	3.00
	TOTAL :	2309.61